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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Prior to initial examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please replace claims 3 and 5-8 as follows:

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3. (Amended) A method of extracting tannin according to claim 1, wherein the lower alcohol/aqueous solvent is a mixed solvent having a mixing ratio between lower alcohol and water of 99: 1 to 50: 50.

5. (Amended) A method for extracting tannin according to claim 1, wherein an extraction temperature is 1 to 100°C and preferably in the range 15 to 65°C.

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6. (Amended) Tannin obtained by the extraction method as claimed in claim 1.

7. (Amended) An adhesive or a binder comprising tannin as one of the constituents obtained by the extraction method as claimed in claim 1.